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1. MARTIM CABRAL, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY OCTTA DIAS, TODAY (SEPT. 22) CONFIRMED RECENT RUMORS THAT MINISTER WOULD NOT ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT REMAINDER OF DELEGATION, CABRAL SAID HE COULD ONLY STATE THAT ADVISORS CABRAL PESSOA AND SALDAHNA DO VALLE HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED FOR NAIROBI. HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT OTHER THREE (BANK OF PORTUGAL GOVERNOR PINTO BARBOSA, BANK OF PORTUGAL VICE GOVERNOR JACENTO NUNES, AND DEVELOPMENT BANK GOVERNOR VIERRA BARBOSA).

2. ON SEPTEMBER 20 CABRAL INFORMED CHARGE IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT COTTA DIAS WOULD NOT ATTEND. TENTATIVE DECISION, HE SAID, WHICH MADE SOME WEEKS AGO,
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BASED ON ADVICE FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO WHO AT TIME

WAS CONVINCED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE
AND THAT GOP WOULD BEAR FULL BRUNT OF ANTICIPATED
UNPLEASANTNESS FROM AFRICANS.

3. COMMENT: CABRAL'S "LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS" ABOUT
OTHER THREE DELEGATES UNDOUBTEDLY MEANS THAT THEY WILL
NOT ATTEND. GOP'S DECISION NOT TO SEND USUAL HIGH
LEVEL DELEGATION UNFORTUNATE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOUTH
AFRICA NOW KNOWN TO BE ATTENDING AND SINCE KENYAN
HOSTS HAVE PROVIDED NO EXCUSE FOR ABNORMAL GOP
BEHAVIOR. PORTUGAL ALREADY HAS ENOUGH DIFFICULTIES
IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT UNNECESSARILY
PROVIDING BASIS FOR MORE.
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